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Prescribed burning has become of ma-

or importance to the multiresource

agement of the southern pine fore-
nest. Fire is used periodically in the life

of pine stands to manipulate understory

vegetation and to reduce the risk of 

wildlife by controlling litter build-up.

Although prescribed fires partially con-

sume important components of the pine

forest ecosystem, the fires have limited

effects on soils, nutrient cycles, and

hydrologic systems. See page 661.

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